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SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS TO VISIT BULGARIA AS
TOURISTS

1. THREE PERSONS CONNECTED WITH SOUTH KOREAN IPU DELEGATION WHICH WILL BE IN BUCHAREST UNTIL EARLY SATURDAY MORNING ARE PLANNING TO VISIT SOFIA APRIL 20 TO 22 ENROUTE TO SWITZERLAND. GROUP CONSISTS OF SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO GENEVA HO EUL WHANG (OUR INFORMANT), HEAD OF SOUTH KOREAN IPU DELEGATION, PARK JOON KYU AND SOUTH KOREAN NEWS-MAN BASED IN GENEVA NAMED SANG SUK KIM. GROUP DOES NOT HAVE BULGARIAN VISAS BUT HAS BEEN TOLD THAT VISAS WILL BE ISSUED AT AIRPORT IN SOFIA. THIS ASSURANCE JOURNALIST CONTACT WHO REPORTEDLY SAID VISAS WOULD BE PROVIDED IN SOFIA FOR ALL THREE SOUTH KOREANS. AMBASSADOR HO, WHO SEEMS VERY SENSIBLE, WANTED US TO INFORM US EMBASSY SOFIA OF TRIP AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. THEY ARRIVE RO 121 APRIL 20 AND DEPART APRIL 22 TO ZURICH ON UNSTATED FLIGHT. GROUP INTENDS TO BE THOROUGHLY UNOBTRUSIVE IN BULGARIA BUT VISIT IS APPARENTLY INDUCED IN PART BY SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT DESIRE TO USE IPU PARTICIPATION AS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS CONDITIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE WHERE IT HAS NEVER HAD RELATIONS OF ANY KIND.

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2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE NIACT
TELEGRAM IF THERE ARE RESERVATIONS OF SUCH INTENSITY
THAT WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE SOUTH KOREANS FROM
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